



AEGIS
Africa-Europe Group for Interdisciplinary Studies

**AEGIS CORTONA SUMMER SCHOOL
IN AFRICAN STUDIES**

BORDERS AND BORDER-CROSSINGS IN AFRICA

(Second call)

This is to announce that a summer school designed for advanced Ph.D. students in African Studies (social sciences and humanities) aiming to take part in the Third AEGIS European Conference of African Studies (ECAS 3, Leipzig, June 2009) will be held in Italy at

Cortona, Tuscany, 16-22 June 2008

The 2008 summer school will focus on Borders and Border-Crossings in Africa. It will be sponsored by AEGIS-Naples in collaboration with the AEGIS Centres of Bayreuth, Edinburgh and Leiden. The aim of the summer school is: a) to bring together advanced Ph.D. students and teaching staff from AEGIS Centres (and possibly beyond) in order to exchange field and research experience; b) to improve the students' ability to prepare and present their research in an international context; c) to promote graduate training within AEGIS and stimulate African-European inter-university cooperation.

Both students and senior researchers are expected to present papers on their current research. The emphasis will be on field methodology and comparative research results, both in writing and oral presentation.

The basic modalities for the summer school are as follows:

The workshop is open to 20 Ph.D. students and young researchers coming from AEGIS Centres* and their affiliates in Europe and Africa. Applicants are invited to submit proposals that address the topic of borderlands as open spaces where peoples and states interact (e.g. issues relating to trade or protest) or the wider phenomena of border-crossing (e.g. labour migration, refugees, etc). Applicants are asked to send a 500-word **abstract** of their papers within the general topic of the summer school, or in any way relevant to these issues, as well as a one-page **outline** of their Ph.D. status and current research. Papers that apply and/or refine conceptual and theoretical approaches to the subject matter, as well as presenting fresh empirical information, will be especially welcome.

Applicants will be selected on the basis of their research outline and their ability to engage with wider issues in African Studies today. Priority will be given to students and researchers with recent field experience and fresh research results. Application by research students coming from African Universities is encouraged; subsidies for the participation of a limited number of successful applicants are being sought. The **final deadline** for submitting proposals is **15 March 2008**. Participants will be informed of acceptance by **31 March 2008**.

Each participant will be asked to contribute to the Summer School by paying a lump-sum of € 600 – which is only a portion of the total cost – to cover registration, food and lodging in Cortona. The cost of travel to and from Cortona is to be met individually. Candidates coming from AEGIS Centres can apply to their Centre for financial assistance. External candidates will have to pay for their own expenses. A limited number of **scholarships** are available for **African students**.

Participants are expected to register in the afternoon of Monday 16 June 2008. Working sessions will be held from Tuesday 17 June through Saturday 21, 2008, with departure the following day, Sunday 22 June.

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Please fill in the form and send your application, together with the abstract of your proposed paper and your research outline, to the members of the Organizing Committee with copy to Giulia Ferrato (giulia.ferrato@gmail.com).

Cortona Summer School 2008 Application form

Full name, year of birth, e mail address	
Nationality	
Provisional title of the PhD thesis	
Status	<input type="checkbox"/> European student <input type="checkbox"/> African student <input type="checkbox"/> African student in Europe
Title of proposed paper	
University, department, town, country	
Name of the supervisor	
Discipline(s) of study	
Is your PhD project part of a wider research programme or are you member of a graduate school?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please briefly describe this programme / graduate school	
Dates and place of field work	
Further field work to be done	
If no field work has been done, when do you plan to do field work?	
Language skills	English very good <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> weak <input type="checkbox"/> French very good <input type="checkbox"/> good <input type="checkbox"/> weak <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Other remarks you find relevant for the organizers to know	
What to you expect to gain from your participation at CSS?	
Have you sent the abstract of your paper and the outline of your current research? If not, enclose with present form.	Abstract <input type="checkbox"/> Research outline <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have any special dietary requirement?	

Can you secure funding on your own?

Travel

Subsistence